

REMARKS

Original Claims 1-56 in this application have been cancelled and new Claims 57-66 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the original claims of the parent case. No new matter has been added.

The enclosed filing fee of \$1,422.00 has been recalculated in view of the new claims in the Preliminary Amendment and with regard to the Applicant's large entity status.

The Sequence Listing in the present case is identical to that of the parent case Application No. 09/396,937. A copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e) was originally submitted in the parent case on September 15, 1999, and a Substitute Sequence Listing was filed on March 7, 2003.

Contrary to the indication in the Notice to File Missing Parts, a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application was included with the filing papers of this Divisional Application. See the attached copy of the postcard receipt. Another copy of the Declaration is enclosed herewith.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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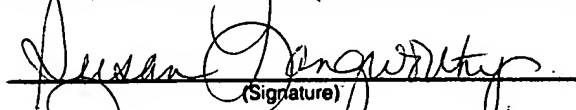
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